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SUBJECT: SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO FINLAND LEAVING

1. VIKTOR F. MALTSEV, SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO FINLAND SINCE JUNE 1971, IS LEAVING IN MID-DECEMBER FOR A NEW ASSIGNMENT. MALTSEV HAS BEEN POPULAR WITH FINNS AND MANY QUARTERS HAVE EXPRESSED REGRET ABOUT HIS DEPARTURE AFTER A RELATIVELY BRIEF TOUR.

2. IN FAREWELL CALL TODAY, DECEMBER 10, MALTSEV INTIMATED TO AMBASSADOR KREHBIEL THAT SPECULATION HE WOULD BE GOING TO INDIA WAS CORRECT. HE SAID HIS SUCCESSOR IN HELSINKI WOULD BE NAMED IN NEAR FUTURE AND WOULD BE BAN FAMILIAR WITH SCANDINAVIA. WE HAVE HEARD FROM USUALLY WELL-INFORMED FINNISH SOURCES THAT LIKELY CANDIDATE IS HEAD OF SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY'S SCANDINAVIAN DEPARTMENT, N.D. BELOKHVOSTIKOV.

3. MALTSEV WAS BORN JULY 12, 1917 IN UKRAINIAN TOWN FO DNEPROPETROVSK, EDUCATED AS AN ENGINEER, AND WORKED FROM 1941-61 IN MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION. HE HELD HIGH PARTY POSTS IN IRKUTSK AND NAMED A MEMBER OF RSFSR SUPREME SOVIET IN 1963. MALTSEV IS AN ALTERNATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER AND WAS AMBASSADOR TO STOCKHOLM FROM  
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1967-71. ALTHOUGH HE UNDERSTANDS ENGLISH HE HAS

WORKED THROUGH AN INTERPRETER IN HIS CONTACTS WITH  
THIS EMBASSY WHICH HAVE, HOWEVER, BEEN  
FRIENDLY. HIS TIME IN HELSINKI HAS BEEN MARKED BY SALT  
I NEGOTIATIONS AND PREPARATORY AND FIRST PHASES OF  
CSCE. HE ACCOMPANIED GENERAL SECRETARY BREZNEV TO INDIA  
LAST MONTH, OSENSIBLY AS EXPERT ON CSCE.  
KREHBIEL

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